

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

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<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm> Just select your cadet's class year!

USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

<http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events>

Parent Information link:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/cma/parentsclub.cfm?catname=Class%20of%202014>

Happy New Year to all! I hope you all enjoyed the brief time you had with your cadets over the break. The "Dark Ages" (I think they still use that term) have set in, but your Academy and your cadets are back at work and looking forward to another great semester leading up to the graduation of the Class of 2015! I know for all the parents of those "almost 2nd Lts" you are wondering where the last four years have gone. Probably seems like just yesterday that you were here for Parent's Weekend. Thank you, as always, for your support to the Academy and to your Parent's Club.

Brian Binn, '72
Chief, Development and Alumni Programs

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 December 2014)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2014	0	0	0
2015	675	188	863
2016	659	189	848
2017	822	248	1070
2018	877	239	1116
WING	3033	864	3897

❖ These numbers include international students.

UPCOMING DATES 2015/2016:

25 – 27 Feb 15	National Character & Leadership Symposium
12 – 14 Mar 15	Recognition
20 Mar - 29 Mar 15	Spring Break Cadets released (Last Military Duty [LMD]). Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
21 Mar – 29 Mar 15	Spring Break Cadet Candidates released. Cadet Candidates returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
11-15 May 15	Finals
18 May 15	Prep School Parade
19 May 15	Prep School Graduation
22 May 15	2016 Ring Dance Dinner (Mitchell Hall 1730 – 2000)
22 May 15	2016 Ring Dance (Arnold Hall 2000 – 2100)
28 May 15	2015 Graduation
30 May 15	1 st Summer Session Begins
20 Jun 15	1 st Summer Session Ends
20 Jun 15	2 nd Summer Session Begins
25 Jun 15	Class of 2019 In-Processes
11 Jul 15	2 nd Summer Session Ends
11 Jul 15	3 rd Summer Session Begins
1 Aug 15	3 rd Summer Session Ends
1 Aug 15	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00pm
4-7 Sep 15	Parents' Weekend 2015
24 – 29 Nov 15	Cadet Thanksgiving Break
19 Dec 15 – 5 Jan 16	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 5 Jan 16)
18 – 27 Mar 16	Cadet Wing Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 27 Mar 16)
2 Jun 16	2016 Graduation

2015 GRADUATION PREPARATION: The Graduation schedule of events isn't approved yet, but hopefully soon. The webpage will be updated soon. It is highly suggested you register for Graduation. Information will be sent to you that was sent prior through the mail and you will receive any changes or updates to your e-mail. Registration is tentatively scheduled to open 1 Apr 15. Keep checking the Graduation Webpage at the following link: <http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation> for updates. I will also e-mail parent clubs when the website has been updated and when registration has begun.

PROOF OF CADET HEALTH INSURANCE: To get proof of insurance cadets can either e-mail Glenda Phillips at glenda.phillips@us.af.mil, phone (719) 333-5281 (USAFA TRICARE for cadets) and she can e-mail them their proof of insurance or they can stop by the cadet clinic and the folks there can print out the proof. Parents sometime wish to get the cadet off their insurance and their companies may require proof of coverage. Some parents will wait to ensure their cadet will be staying at the Academy to ensure no loss of coverage.

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUSELORS (MFLC) (FOR CADETS)

Military Family and Life Counselors are available to all cadets and Cadet Candidates at the Academy. Support and counseling are offered through formal and informal meetings with Cadets, as they may experience issues such as: balance and self-regulation, family separation, adjustment to cadet life, relationship stress, grief and loss, authority issues, intimacy and trust, and access to self-help resources.

MFLC COUNSELORS

(719) 651-4810

(719) 246-1360

Our Mission: To provide confidential non-medical, short term, problem-solving, non-record keeping counseling support, coaching, and education to Cadets to ensure readiness, and to address the stressors that can typically be associated with cadet life.

- **Confidential non-medical counseling to cadets.**
- **Licensed masters and doctorate level counselors.**
- **Services can be provided on or off of military installations.**
- **No records are kept.**
- **MFLC program is voluntary and available at no cost to cadets.**

INFORMATION FROM CADET MEDIA:

Annual Portraits: Parents, the annual portraits of your cadets were taken in the fall. If you have not seen proofs for these images, recommend you contact your sons and daughters, or call the contractor direct at 1-800-426-9533. Make-ups or retakes will be shot Jan 26-30. Cadets will receive information on the location and times, but may also call 333-4644 with questions.

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- Station contact info: (719) 333-KAFA (5232), kafafm@gmail.com

SPRING BREAK BUS SCHEDULES

2015 SPRING BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting January 05, 2015 thru March 06, 2015

No refunds or changes after March 06, 2015

All seats sold after March 6 sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN ...

Please call (719) 333-4602 All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

20March: 0400,0600,0800,1000,1200, 1300,1400,1500,1600,1700,1800

21 March: 0400, 0600

RETURN 29 March: 1100, , 1200,, 1300,, 1400, , 1500,, 1600,, 1700, , 1800

Type of Ticket Purchase Tickets

05 Jan 2015 - 06 March 2015

ROUNDTRIP \$45.00

ONE WAY \$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

20March: 0415,0615, 0815,1015,1215,1315,1415,1515,1615

21 March: 0415,0615

RETURN 29 March: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket Purchase Tickets

05 Jan 2015- 06 March 2015

ROUNDTRIP \$30.00

ONE WAY \$20.00

1) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.

2) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

1) Cadet Buses leave from the BASE OF THE RAMP ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Cadets are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all Cadets luggage looks the same.

2) Please allow at least 3 hours for driving time and security to Denver International Airport.

3) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time and security to Colorado Springs Airport.

4) Additional departure times will be set up if the date or time for release of cadets changes.

5) Additional departure times can be requested and added if minimum count is achieved.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!

2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505

3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg Hall Outdoor Recreation Center, ROOM IC15 (719) 333-4602

*Note- Cadets must purchase tickets in person

Parents may purchase a bus ticket by phone for their Cadets with a

MC or VISA. Open Moo, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed and Holidays

*Note all dates and times are subject to change or cancellation

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2015 PREP SCHOOL SPRING BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting January 05, thru March 06, 2015

No refunds or changes after March 06, 2015

All seats sold after March 06 sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN ...

Prep school students will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

Or call (719) 333-4602 for updates All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot 21 Mar 2015: 1530

RETURN 29 March- 1430

Type of Ticket Purchase Tickets

OS Jan 201S- 06 March 201S

ROUNDTRIP \$4S.00

ONE WAY \$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot 21 Mar 2015: 1545

RETURN 29 March: 1430

Type of Ticket Purchase Tickets

OS Jan 201S- 06 March 201S

ROUNDTRIP \$30.00

ONE WAY \$20.00

1) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.

2) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

1) Prep Buses leave from the Prep school parking lot ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Students are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all luggage looks the same.

2) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport.

3) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!

2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505

3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg ORC-ROOM ICI5 (719) 333-4602

Parents or Prep school students may purchase a bus ticket by phone with a

MC or VISA. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed and Holidays

*Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation

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Helpful Websites/POCs:

Cadet Academic Calendar website: (2014/2015 calendar)

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>

Cadet Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

Association of Graduates and USAFA Endowment:

<http://www.usafa.org/>

Life Touch photos: POC: Maria Turner, Prestige Portrait by Lifetouch, 800-426-9533 x 241

Cadet Wing Media: (719) 333-4644

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Prep School Candidate parents.

Contact 2Lt Kyle Mahan at (719) 333-2583, kyle.mahan@usafa.edu and the USAFA website below

<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Marie

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